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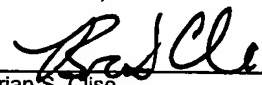
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for an extension of time for reply in the above-identified application for the period required to make the accompanying reply timely, or, if there be no accompanying reply, for the period for which the fee is indicated or the period necessary to prevent abandonment of the above-identified application if longer than the period for which the fee is indicated.

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